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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SAAG FTIP AMENDMENT No. 6

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TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING

Your letter dated May 1, 1997, documented your approval of Amendment No. 6 to the Stanislaus Area Association of Governments' (SAAG) 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). SAAG's FTIP Amendment No. 6 adds \$325,000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dollars to the 1996/97 City of Ceres System Flow and Maintenance project. These funds will be used to install eight closed circuit television cameras within the urbanized area. The overall scope of the project remains the same. The additional funds are the result of cost savings realized on another STIP project on Route 99.

We find this FTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134. The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR 51.460 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirements, or have been found by SAAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan and does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures were a part of the project selection process. The SAAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment. This FTIP Amendment is exempt from the State Intergovernmental Review process.

This letter constitutes FHWA approval, and inclusion of SAAG's Amendment No. 6 into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

For
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator